As per the proposed provisions, no person shall himself or by any person on his behalf, manufacture for sale or store, sell distribute or exhibit for sale any article of food which is pre-packed, unless he has in place a system or procedure to recall the article of food or any ingredient or any substance placed in the market which is adulterated or misbranded or injurious to health.

Before finalizing the proposed rules, the comments received on the draft proposed rules from the public, other countries, if any, would be considered alongwith the comments received from State/UT Governments who implement the PFA Act, 1954 and PFA Rules, 1955 in their respective States/UTs. No separate consultation with the States/ UTs undertaken.

In the food regulations implemented by countries like Australia, New Zealand, Canada, countries of EU and USA, there are provisions for mentioning the details of Batch No., Code No. (Bar code, Matrix Code, Alfa numerical, Radio Frequency Identification etc.), complete address and other specific particulars of the manufacture on the label of food articles to facilitate product tracing and product recall.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Ban on Mechanized Boats

2259. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has issued an order imposing a uniform fishing ban on mechanized boats applicable from 10th June to 15th August 2006, in all the five Coastal States *i.e.* Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Karnataka, Kerala and Goa had already imposed ban till 31st July, 2006; and

(d) if so, the reaction of these three States extending ban upto 15th August, 2006 and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Development of floriculture

2260. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given emphasis for development of floriculture during the current Plan;

(b) whether there is any State-wise target fixed for the purpose;

(c) if so, achievements made till date; and

(d) the amount spent for this programme, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, Government of India provided assistance to the State Governments/UTs under comprehensive Macro Management Scheme for development of Agriculture including Horticulture, which included floriculture, up to the year 2004-05. The scheme provided flexibility to the State Governments to take up programmes and fix targets as per their felt needs and requirements according to their Work Plans. After the launch of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) during financial year 2005-06, the programme for Horticulture in Macro Management Scheme subsumed with National Horticulture Mission. The National Horticulture Mission addresses the issues related to production and productivity of Horticulture Crops including floriculture crops and provides assistance for improving production on floriculture crops.

In the North East and Himalayan States of the country, the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture for North-Eastern States and Himalayan States (TMNE), provides assistance for production of horticulture crops including floriculture crops.

Government had also approved setting up of six Agri Export Zones (AEZs). The details of these AEZs are as under: